

TUESDAY, February 22nd, 1842.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Hopewell, R. M. Gale, J. H. Gale, Sutton of Kent, Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Hammond, Duke, Laveille, Matthews, Sherwood, Handy, Dashiell, Stone, Boggs, Eccleston, Nicols of Dorchester, Traverse, Richardson of Dorchester, Forwood, Owens of Cecil, Bayne, Tuck, Maccubbin, Bryan, Dennis, Powell, Cathell, Simmons, Staley, Hope, Johns, Bouldin, Nicols of Caroline, Culbreth, Downs, Gallagher, Starr, Braddock, Gott, Gittings, Buchanan, Shaw, Mr. Speaker.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Nicols of Dorchester presented the memorial of sundry persons of Somerset and Dorchester counties, asking the establishment of a public ferry over the North East Fork of Nanticoke river, between Sharp town in Somerset county and Hoffington's Mill in Dorchester county ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Nicols of Dorchester, Dashiell, Richardson of Dorchester, Boggs and Stone.

Mr. Sellman presented the petition of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying the Legislature to impose a tax of from one to five per cent., upon every bank note and all other issues intended to circulate as a currency, except the stock orders of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company ;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Tuck presented the petition of John S. Fowler of Prince George's county, praying that his father and guardian, may be authorised to purchase a house and lot, with a portion of his personal estate ;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel presented the memorial of Messrs. Sellman and Crook and others, citizens of Baltimore, counter to the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying that legislative protection be given to the fishing floats between Spesutia Island and the head of Tide Water on the Susquehanna river ;

Read and referred to the select committee already raised on that subject.

Also, the memorial of William Brewer and others, citizens of Annapolis, praying that the 20th proposition of the slaveholders' convention may not be adopted by the Legislature ;

Read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Risteau presented the petition of seventy-two citizens of Baltimore county, praying that the bill for resumption of specie payments by the banks, which passed the House of Delegates, may become a law ;

Read and referred to the consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Owens of Cecil presented the petition of one hundred and fifty-four citizens of Cecil county, praying for the passage of a law